I. *A Relation of one* Hannah Taylor, *a very Extraordinary Child of about Six Years of Age, who in Face*, &c. *was as large as a full grown Woman*; *and of what appeared on the Diſſection of her Body*: *By Dr.* Hen. Sampſon, *Fellow of the Colledge of Phyſicians*, London.

HAnnah *Taylor* was born in *Crouched Fryars June* 12 1682. She was till three Years old very ſickly, lean, and not able to go alone; but about *Bartholomew-tide*, 1685. ſhe began to grow ſtrong and fat, which increaſed till the time of her Death: She was alſo a very forward Child of Underſtanding, had her *Pubes* grown thick and long, as alſo Hair under her Arm-pits, and a Downyneſs upon her Chin, unuſual with thoſe of her Sex, except in ſome aged Perſons.

About half a Year before ſhe dyed ſhe began to complain of Pains, eſpecially on her left ſide, and voided Gravel often by Urine, and with pain. Her Breath was ſtreight, as is uſual to fat People, eſpecially when ſhe went up a pair of Stairs: Yet on that very Evening before ſhe dyed, ſhe walked abroad, was merry and lively, went to Bed, and ſlept as at other times; but after Midnight awaked, cryed out of a great Pain in her Side, and ſaid, Mother, I want Breath, I ſhall dye; and in leſs than a quarter of an hour was quite dead.

The Meaſures and Weight of her Body were as followeth. Round the Breaſt a Yard and 2 Inches, over the Hips at the Navel 1 Yard 5 Inches, over the Stomach a Yard, her height 1 Yard wanting an Inch, round the Thigh 1 Foot 9 Inches $\frac{1}{2}$, Calf of the Leg 13 Inches, upper part of the Arm 14 Inches $\frac{1}{2}$, the Wriſt 7 Inches,

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7 Inches, her weight 95 lb. She had a Face as big and broad as any fat grown Woman of 20 Years. Her Chin and Breaſt were ſo thick laid with fat, that ſhe was forced to hold up her Head (or rather throw it backward) as ſhe walked. Theſe Meaſures were all taken before the Diſſection. The thickneſs of the Fat upon the Muſcles of the *Abdomen* was 2 Inches, and not much leſs upon the *Sternum*: After the Fat was removed (which was as much as is uſually in moſt fat and grown Perſons) the *Abdomen* was yet very protuberant and round, and yet the Fat contained therein not extraordinary much, neither on the *Omentum* or Meſentery: yet it was more than is uſual in well fed Perſons, and ſo much, that with the bigneſs of the other Internal Parts (which were all of the largeſt ſize) it made her have ſo big and protuberant a Belly. The Guts were all inflamed and thick, the Liver large, the left Kidney (where was the ſeat of her Miſery) exceeding large, and double the bigneſs of that on the right ſide; upon the Diſſection whereof there iſſued out a vaſt quantity of Blood, both from all the Veſſels of it, and out of its *Pelvis*; and after ſeveral times Spunging of it, yet it came flowing in from the emulgent Artery: a certain Argument of a great Plenitude in the deſcending Trunk, which cauſed the Inflammation in the Meſentery, and the *Nephritis* in the Kidney: Here was alſo ſome ſmall Gravel, which poſſibly had choaked up the *Ureter*, though that was not examined; but becauſe there was no Blood in the Bladder I juſtly make this Conjecture. The Uterine Parts had nothing bigger, or more remarkable than in others of her Age. The Teſticles were large, but ſmooth and white, without Protuberances or ſhew of Eggs. The Bladder had a Purulent Matter in it. When the Breaſt was denuded of its Fat, it ſhewed no bigger than of another Child of her Age. The Cavity was totally filled with the Lungs and Heart. The Heart was well,

and had very ſtrong Fibres, and no *Polypus*. But the Lungs, beſides that they were extended to fill up the whole Cavity, were annexed ſtrongly to ſeveral parts of the *Pleura*, and had ſeveral Protuberances as big as Nutmegs filled with a Pulp like an *Atheroma*, and were in divers places rotten and corrupted. *Quære*, Why one with ſo bad Lungs was ſo Fat? Why had ſhe not rather a Conſumption?

The evident cauſe of her Death lay in the Inflammation of the lower Parts, but the ſuddenneſs thereof muſt be from ſome impreſſion which that Inflammation made upon the Original of the Nerves moving the *Diaphragm*, *Bronchia* and other Parts of Reſpiration, for her great and only Complaint was want of Breath. Beſides her very Face and Head were miſerably coloured with rednes of ſtagnant Blood. The Head was not opened.